

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Scott Costa et al.	§	ART UNIT:	3676
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SERIAL NO.:	10/511,410	§		
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FILED:	August 24, 2005	§	EXAMINER:	Zakiya W. Bates
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FOR:	Protective Sleeve For	§		
	Threaded Connections For	§		
	Expandable Tubular Liner	§	CONFIRMATION NO.:	6688

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 21 JANUARY 2010**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2725-10105  
Date: February 10, 2010

Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated 21 January 2010. Applicants previously filed a Preliminary Amendment on 18 January 2010 to be entered before examination of the Amendment and Request for Continued Examination dated 14 December 2009. However, the Office Action dated 21 January 2010 was issued before the Examiner considered the Preliminary Amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Preliminary Amendment not be entered, and that the following amendment and response be entered for consideration:

**Amendments to the Claims** is reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.